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I have been asked to volunteer for this. I am not sure what it entails but I am sure that we need proper representation.

I have been a surfer, diver, sailor etc.. for some years now and am currently seeking dive master certification.

I am currently the vice pres of the Aqua Tutus Diving Club. <http://www.aquatutus.com>

I have taught sailing, surfing etc.. and have tried to impart a respect for what we all love...the ocean to all I encounter.

I was brought up as a child to "do no harm" and "only take what you need" but as the years go by I see greed and selfishness take over to the point that we are in danger of losing a great part of what gives us life.

I see the small efforts of the few overwhelmed by the greed and ignorance of the many.

I have educated myself as an armature marine biologist, oceanographer and conservationist. I also understand the wants (not needs) of some that have made there living from the sea. I feel its time to aggressively start to reeducate those that do not understand that the ocean is not an unlimited resource and that conservation is the only way to assure a future for us ALL.

To this end I am nominating my self for this position.

I am no quite sure what it all entails since the description is short and vague but I will expect help from those that want it done so badly that they would ask me to do it.

I have at my disposal some web space, a computer and knowledge of the ocean. I also have a van that gets only 14 miles per gallon.

I am open to listening to almost anyone that has something of significance to say about the direct subjects at hand without getting too emotional about it as getting angry and overemotional just pisses off people and makes them NOT want to, or be willing to listen to you.

a small personal statement that I keep on my website for all to see:

SURFING AND THE ART OF FINDING HOME

I fell in love with the ocean as a child. My dad was into scuba at the time and I learned to body surf and swim, playing in the tidepools & beaches of Monterey Bay. I also learned a lot about the ocean and to love it as my home.

We all grew up and apart, stopped going to the beach and went inland for a long time.

After my mother's death from cancer I started kayaking as therapy and realized that the water is where I needed to get back to.

I Learned to sail and taught sailing for a while.

Sailed big and small boats and was still not satisfied.

While out boogie boarding one afternoon I finally realized "this is it...this is home".

kayaking got me in the right direction....

sailing got me down the road....

surfing got me home.

a long strange full cycle.

I will never look back and never again turn away from the place I love...the ocean...my home.

I make boards and etchings and pix as an extension of my love of finally finding my way back home.

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